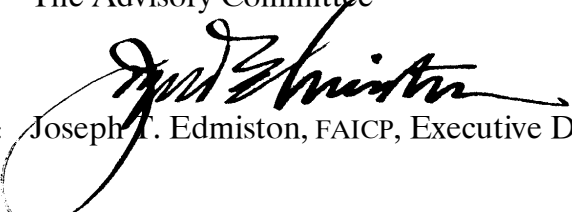


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 27, 2003

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 10(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant to the Mountain Lion Foundation, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, for a public information campaign on wildlife conservation at the urban interface.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to the Mountain Lion Foundation from the Proposition 40 Nonprofit Matching Grant Program for its public information campaign on wildlife conservation at the urban interface.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code, which states:

(a) The conservancy may award grants to nonprofit organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)) to carry out improvements, maintenance, acquisitions, or educational interpretation programs which directly relate to a project which the conservancy is otherwise authorized to undertake pursuant to this division.

(b) Grants awarded pursuant to this section are subject to the review and approval of the Department of General Services. . . .

(c) The executive director shall submit a notice to the Department of Finance 30 days prior to award of a grant under this section . . .

Background: The Mountain Lion Foundation is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. It has developed an educational outreach program called *On the Edge*, to provide suburban residents adjoining wildlife habitat and public lands with information and techniques for living safely with nature and promoting habitat stewardship by property owners and municipalities. The Mountains Restoration Trust is one of the Foundation's local partners in implementing the program. The *On the Edge* program will assist the Conservancy's efforts to preserve wildlife habitat linkages and parklands in the Los Angeles urban and suburban environments, by promoting public understanding of wildlife and living harmoniously alongside the natural environment. Conservancy Proposition 40 funds allocated for the 2003/2004 Budget Local Agency and Nonprofit Matching Grant Program would be used to fund the \$30,000 grant to the Mountain Lion Foundation.

